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SUBJECT: SECURITY OF INFORMATION AGREEMENT

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1. PROPOSED SECURITY OF INFORMATION AGREEMENT IS ONCE AGAIN NEARING FINAL STAGE OF SCS APPROVAL. TODAY, PRIOR RECEIPT REFTEL, MAAG OFFICERS WERE ASSURED SCS VIEWS ON DRAFT WOULD BE GIVEN FINAL ENDORSEMENT WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. EMBASSY AND MAAG WILL HAVE CHANCE TO COMMENT BEFORE SCS COMMUNICATES WITH MFA.

2. DELAY IS RESULT IN FIRST INSTANCE OF MISUNDERSTANDING AND SLOW MOTION ON PART OF RESPONSIBLE SCS GENERAL OFFICER. AFTER INDICATING PROPOSAL HAD BEEN SENT TO SHAH, HE REVERSED HIMSELF AND HELD DOCUMENT FOR LENGTHY STUDY. THIS PROCESS WAS PROLONGED BY PERSONNEL CHANGES IN SCS WHICH INTRODUCED COMMAND CHAIN EXCEEDINGLY METICULOUS GENERAL WHO WAS UNFAMILIAR WITH BACK GROUND AND PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT. ONE PROPOSAL REACHES MFA WE TRUST PROGRESS WILL BE LESS LUGUBRIOUS AS HEAD, MFA LEGAL DEPARTMENT, HAS TOLD US HE HAS NO OBJECTION IF SCS WILL APPROVE. EMBASSY AND MAAG WILL CONTINUE TO PROD. IF NO RESULTS IN REASONABLE PERIOD, WE WILL ESCALATE OUR APPROACHES.
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